Q. What will you find at Briarwood?
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Obviously, we can give you only a glimpse of what God is doing at Briarwood in such limited space. But for starters, here are some Briarwood basics that guide us:

Our Passion
For God’s glory, we are committed to equipping Christians to worship God and reach Birmingham to reach the world for Christ.

Our Purpose
Our mission is to radiate the Gospel of Grace to our neighbors, our city and state, our nation and the world by prayerfully implementing the ministries of:
- Love, mercy & justice
- Evangelism & discipleship
- Church planting & revitalization
- Leadership development & deployment

We desire to become a church of W.E.L.L. believers practicing:

Worship that’s authentic
Evangelism that’s intentional
Love that’s purposeful
Learning that’s consistent
The Bible is clear about the primacy of teaching and preaching God’s Word. Each Sunday morning and evening our Pastor/Teacher, Dr. Harry Reeder, presents in-depth and relevant studies in the books of the Bible, together with practical application for your daily Christian walk.

We worship through songs, hymns, and spiritual songs in a blend of music styles from time-honored hymns to contemporary choruses. On Sunday evenings you’ll encounter a relaxed, family-style service with a joyous, welcoming atmosphere. The Music and Arts Ministry offers an array of opportunities to use your talents and gifts in different media, including graded choirs, adult choir, orchestra, drama, and ballet.

Don’t speak the language? Every Sunday at Briarwood there are worship services in the Japanese, Korean and Spanish languages.

Evangelize
Intentionally

Our Global Missions Ministry supports and cares for ministries outside the United States and cross-cultural international ministries within the United States. Briarwood partners financially with more than 200 international missionaries and staff from 65 agencies.

We also take seriously sharing the Gospel with those close at hand. Our Urban and National Ministries provide outreach opportunities and support to the urban community and to ministry organizations and projects in the United States.

Don’t feel prepared to share your faith confidently? Bridge to Life Evangelism is an equipping ministry that provides tools for turning a conversation from secular to spiritual topics to make the Gospel clear to a listener. This course is taught throughout the year. Contact 205-776-5236 for information or to sign up.
For example, in groups called Sunday School Communities, you’ll find people connected in the true sense of biblical community who encourage, pray for, hold accountable, and help you on your journey to know God. This is not a “program-driven, success-oriented, excitement-addicted church culture,” but a God-focused body of sinners who, having been saved by the undeserved favor (called grace) of God, desire to reflect His love to others.

Other special groups minister in areas of divorce recovery, chemical addiction, grief support, and financial/job difficulties. Loving pastoral care and practical daily assistance are provided for the elderly, infirmed, widowed and physically disabled.

Our Special Connections Ministry provides a place for parents to bring their children with special needs during the worship services and Sunday School.

Each quarter, age-related and interest-related classes are offered for college-age and single and married adults through the Sunday School Communities. Each community has its own personality, lesson series, and activities that make it unique. Small group Bible studies meet together weekly to study the Word of God in order to know Him and to learn what the Bible says about how to live as a follower of Jesus.

Students in seventh and eighth grades are involved in Raiders, a discipling ministry; BYG (Briarwood Youth Group) shepherds and disciples high school students.

Children, ages two through sixth grade, get significant instruction and learning opportunities in Sunday School. Promiseland, our Children's Church service, provides meaningful worship time for K-4 & 5's and first through third graders. We also have Vacation Bible School, Neighborhood Bible Clubs, Mission-Minded Kids, and Pioneer Clubs, just to name a few other learning venues for children.
Q. How do I find my place at Briarwood?

Join us as we are being equipped to worship God and reach Birmingham to reach the world for Jesus Christ.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5
As in any family, you’ll find people just like you and people who are radically different, all coming together as a beautiful tapestry that makes up the Body of Christ at Briarwood. Our desire is that you will find your place here and develop sweet friendships that refresh and nurture you, intentional friendships that hold you accountable on your spiritual journey, and loving friendships that help fortify you during the storms of life. Not simply for the sake of friendship, but that God might be glorified in all our relationships.

One of the benefits of being in a large church is the diversity of members who provide rich fellowship and prepare us for our heavenly family "from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne."

We’re delighted that you are worshipping with us. We want to make your time with us as welcoming as possible, so when you attend our worship service, you will be asked to sign our attendance registration called “Our Worshipping Family.” If you visit one of our Sunday School Communities, you will be asked to sign the class roll book as a guest. With the information you provide us, we will contact you to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

And check out our website at www.briarwood.org to get to know something about our church family.

Come to dinner.

Monthly, Pastor Reeder and his wife, Cindy, host Guest Dinners in their home. We cordially invite you to come meet the Reeder family and other Briarwood members at this special get-acquainted event. Simply call the Membership office at 205-776-5282 and let us know you’ll be there. Our nursery is available for pre-school children.
We realize that a large church can sometimes appear intimidating when you’re uncertain about where you fit in. Our Membership staff is eager to help you connect to Briarwood people and ministries in meaningful ways. However, the best advice is to prayerfully plunge in and participate in the myriad of opportunities for involvement. To join a small group, find a Sunday School Community, or investigate service and ministry possibilities, call the Membership Office at 205-776-5208.

Want to investigate what Briarwood has to offer you? Have questions you’d like answered about Briarwood or about the Presbyterian Church in America? Or have you decided to make Briarwood your church home? Then this is the class for you. Pastor Reeder teaches the Inquirers/New Members Class at 9:30 a.m. in the Worship Center on scheduled dates. The class covers three areas of study: Connecting with Christ, Connecting with the Church, and Connecting with Briarwood.

Contact the Membership Office at 205-776-5208, or visit us on the web at www.briarwood.org.
As senior pastor of Briarwood, what a pleasure it is for me to welcome you and share some of the incredible things God is doing among our people. When I came here in 1999, I knew that I was coming to the birthplace of the Presbyterian Church in America and was cognizant of Briarwood’s long heritage of sound preaching and teaching and deep passion for reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Beyond that, I now know that Briarwood is a joyous, warm, sincere body of believers who open their arms to lovingly enfold God’s family. I see God’s transforming power as we labor together to expand His Kingdom and “to know Christ and to make Him known.” And I know that we are a people committed to celebrating Jesus Christ, His life, death, resurrection, and triumph over sin so that, by His grace, we can be saved.

Thank you for joining us today. My wife, Cindy, and I, along with our staff and Welcome Team, are eager to meet you and to answer any questions you might have. Please let us know if we can minister to you in any way.

For Christ, His Cross, and the Gospel,

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III
Pastor/Teacher
Communities/Sunday School

Youth
  Raiders, 7th–8th grades (E-313)
  BYG, 9th–12th grades (C-200)

College Students
  College Community (A-201)

Singles
  Graduates and Career (M-202)
  In One Accord (W-202)
  Leveraging Life (M-210)

Young Couple and New Families
  Encounter (M-111)
  Legacy (E-006)
  The Oaks (E-004)

Young Families
  Covenant Keepers (E-008)
  Growing In Grace (E-005)
  Heritage Builders (FH-B)
  Sojourners (E-007)

Student Families
  Discovery (FH-A)
  Firm Foundations (E-003)
  Growing Together (G-103)
  Hearts and Homes (M-204)
  Homefront (M-200)
  Inside Out (FH-C)
  Kingdom Builders (FH-D)
  Mountain View (A-209)

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Communities/Sunday School

Student Families (continued)

Next Step (E-010)
R.E.A.L. Life (W-204)
Teambuilders (W-203)

Adult Families

Abundant Life (G-101)
Deeper Life (Chapel)
Joyful Hearts (A-105)
Homestead (FH-E&F)

Women

Faithful Followers (Bride’s Room)
Women Impacting the World (A-205)

Family Communities

Family Life (GYM)
Family Matters (S-201)

International Community

(English-speaking Internationals)
International Class (School Library, E-218)

Korean Community

11:20 a.m., 2209 Rocky Ridge Road

Hispanic Community

10:30 a.m., 5521 Double Oak Lane

Japanese Community

1:30 p.m., G101
Some of Our Ministries/Partners

Adult Sunday School  
Alabama Policy Institute  
Alabama Citizen's Action Program  
Ballet  
Briarwood International Outreach  
Birmingham Theological Seminary  
Briarwood Christian School  
Camp Briarwood  
Campus Outreach  
Career Focus  
Children's Ministries  
  Children’s Worship  
  Ignite  
  M&M Kids  
  Sunday School  
  Super Summer  
  VBS  
Christian Medical Ministry  
Church Revitalization  
Church & State  
Citizens for a Better Alabama  
Community Ministry to Girls  
Counseling Ministries  
Discipleship Groups  
Drama Ministry  
Evangelism Explosion  
Family Research Council  
Fostering Hope  
Friendship Partners  
Grief Share  
L.O.V.E. Ministry  
Men's Ministries  
Mercy Ministry  
MidWeek at Briarwood  
Mother's Day Out  
Music Ministry for all ages  
New Focus  
Nursery  
Pastoral Care  
Prison Ministry  
Quest/Recreation Ministry  
Singles Ministry  
Special Connections  
Trailblazers/Senior Adult Ministry  
Trail Life  
Walk Through Nativity  

WLJR Radio (88.5 FM)  
Women's Ministries  
Young Business Leaders  
Youth Ministries

Ministry Partners

Alabama Pro-Life Coalition  
Alabama Teen Challenge  
American Family Association Americans United for Life  
AMMI  
Apologetics Resource Center  
Biblical Marriage Institute  
Big Oak Ranch  
Blueprint Tuscaloosa  
Center for Executive Leadership  
CHAIM  
Child Evangelism Fellowship  
Children's Bible Mission  
Coalition Christian outreach  
College Golf Fellowship  
Community Ministry for Girls  
Covenant College  
Crossroads of East Tennessee  
Crown Financial  
Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ)  
Daymark Counseling  
Eagle Forum Education Fund  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Focus on the Family  
Foundation for Thought and Ethics  
French Camp Academy  
Gideon's International  
Harvest USA  
Institute for Creation Research  
Leaders Unlimited  
Lifeline Children's Services  
Lighthouse Missions International  
Mastermedia International  
Metokos Ministries  
North American Mission Board  
Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship  
Promise Christian Academy
Reformed Theological Seminary  
Reformed University Fellowship  
Sacred Road Ministries  
S.A.F.E.  
Sav-A-Life  
Search Ministries  
Southeastern Bible College  
Sports Outreach Institute  
Strong Tower  
Team 5:18  
Turning Hearts Ministries  
United for Life  
Unveilinglory  
Wales Goebel Ministry  
Westminster Seminary  
Worldwide Discipleship Association

Urban Ministries

Aspire Movement  
Better Basics  
Briarwood Prison Ministries  
Discovery Clubs of Alabama  
Foundations Early Learning and Family Development Center  
Grace House Ministries  
Hope Health Center  
Mission Birmingham  
New Directions Ministries  
Restoration Academy  
New Direction Ministry  
North Star Youth Ministries  
Restoration Academy  
Urban Hope Community Church

Global Ministries

ACMI  
Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel  
Adventures in Missions  
African Bible College  
Africa Inland Mission  
Apologetics Resource Center National  
Avant  
BEE World  
Berean Baptist Church  
But God Ministries  
Camino Global  
Caribbean Ministry Association  
Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf  
China Horizon  
Christ Bible Institute  
Christ for the City International  
Christian Heritage  
Christian Reformed Church of Africa  
Church Resource Ministries  
Church Revitalization International  
Crossworld  
El Shaddai Ministries  
Equip  
Grace and Truth Church  
Greater Europe Mission  
Global Empowerment  
Global Outreach Mission  
Grace Presbyterian Church New Zealand  
Guillermo Villanueva Ministries  
Hope Builders  
Isaiah 55 Ministries  
Iglesia Bautista  
Impact International  
Interlink Ministries  
International Exchange Organization  
International/School Project  
International Students Inc.  
Israel College of the Bible  
La Travesia  
Mission Aviation Fellowship  
Mission to North America  
Mission to the World  
Missionary Sending Service  
Navigators  
New Life Mission  
New Tribes Mission  
Partners in Asian Missions  
Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship  
Presbyterian Mission International  
National Presbyterian Church of Mexico  
South American Mission  
Servant Partners  
Serving in Mission  
The Evangelica Alliance Mission  
Third Millennium  
Truth Xchange  
Unevangelized Field Mission Worldwide  
United World Mission  
Won by One  
World Gospel Mission  
World Reach
Service Times

**Morning Worship**
8:00 and 10:55 a.m.

**Sunday School**
9:30 a.m.

**Hispanic Worship**
5521 Double Oak Lane, Birmingham
10:30 a.m.

**Korean Worship**
2209 Rocky Ridge Road, Hoover
11:20 p.m.

**Japanese Worship**
1:30 p.m.

**Evening Worship**
6:00 p.m.
(Subject to change for special events)
FROM THE NORTH:
Traveling south on I-65, go north on I-459. Take the first exit, Acton Road. Turn left on Acton and take a right at the second traffic light. Bear to the left up the hill and onto the Briarwood campus.

FROM THE SOUTH:
Traveling north on I-65, go north on I-459. Take the first exit, Acton Road. Turn left on Acton and take a right at the second traffic light. Bear to the left up the hill and onto the Briarwood campus.

FROM ATLANTA:
Traveling west on I-20, go south on I-459. Take the Acton Road exit. Turn right on Acton and take a right at the first traffic light. Bear to the left up the hill and onto the Briarwood campus.